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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT

It is hereby requested that the time period for responding to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 3, 2004 be extended for one month or to March 7, 2005. The Petition fee is attached herewith, along with the fee required for a Request for Continuing Examination. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that are required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

The present amendment was previously submitted on December 20, 2004 but was not entered because the amendments raised new issues that required further search and consideration. Accordingly, Applicants have filed a Request for Continuing Examination.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which beings on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.